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Blanton presents Stephen Gritt

Stephen Gritt, director of Conservation and Technical Research at the National Gallery of Canada, illustrates the importance of conservation and discusses past and future conservation work in the context of the Blanton exhibition Restoration and Revelation. Held at the Blanton Museum of Art, Edgar A. Smith Building (EAS), auditorium from 6-7 p.m.

Viewpoint Series

The annual Viewpoint Series, taking place each spring, features visits by a pair of invited guests, each lasting several days and spread throughout the semester. Cary Levine and Judith Rodenbeck present this lecture. Held at the Art Building (ART) 1.102 from 4-6 p.m.

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Draft budget decreases education fund

By **Joshua Fetcher**

Higher education institutions would face a 2 percent funding decrease during the 2014-15 biennium if the Texas Legislature passes preliminary budget proposals filed Tuesday. However, funding may

change before the Legislature approves the final budget.

The proposal filed by the Texas House of Representatives allocates \$14.8 billion in state revenue to higher education from a proposed \$187.7 billion budget while the Senate proposal allocates \$14.9 billion to higher education of a proposed

\$186.8 billion budget. The current higher education budget is \$15.1 billion.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and member of the Senate Finance Committee, said the proposals do not indicate what the final budget will be but serve

as a starting point for budgetary discussions. He said the Finance Committee will examine proposed higher education funds along with the rest of the budget when it begins meeting later this month.

"We have to get to the starting point," Seliger said. "We now have those numbers to

start the conversation."

In 2011, the House initially proposed allocating \$13.6 billion to higher education for the 2012-13 biennium and the Senate proposed allocating \$14.1 billion, according to proposals published in January

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A smart stampede



Pearce Murphy | Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of Xeon Phi coprocessors fill tables in the Texas Advanced Computing Center. The newly introduced coprocessor, designed by Intel, is the innovative component of the TACC's Stampede supercomputer (behind).

UT computing center installs world's most able supercomputer

By **Hannah Jane DeCutiis**

The University is trying to stake a claim as a leader in interdisciplinary science research with the recent installment of the world's most powerful academic supercomputer at the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC).

The system, named Stampede, became operational on Jan. 7. The TACC staff and Dell engineers installed and tested the supercomputer

during a six-month period, said Tommy Minyard, director of advanced computing systems at TACC. The National Science Foundation (NSF) funded the initial \$27.5 million cost as part of its "eXtreme Digital" program and will continue to fund Stampede operations for four more years.

President William Powers Jr. said the addition of Stampede to the University's facilities only augments its prestige as a premier research campus.

"Stampede is a game-changing supercomputer that reinforces UT's role as a supercomputing hub and a world-class research university," Powers said in an emailed statement. "It will



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Currently, the newly operational Stampede supercomputer boasts over 4,000 of Intel's Xeon Phi coprocessors.

help scientists solve some of the world's most pressing problems and it will promote collaboration across campus and across the country. Jay Boisseau and the faculty and

staff at TACC are at the heart of something very big."

TACC was founded in 2001 and is located on the J.J.

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Fracking use rises to keep pace with oil, gas demand

By **Klarissa Fitzpatrick**

The amount of water used in hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, more than doubled in Texas between 2008 and 2011, according to an updated study released by the University.

The original study, led by research scientist Jean-Philippe Nicot, examined past water usage to make projections for regional water plans. Nicot updated the study to detail the changes in the use of water for mining, which has increased because of fracking. Although the Texas Oil and Gas Association funded the study, the Texas Water Development Board circulated it among regional authorities.

"The main change in the update was that I included the recycling and amount of brackish water," Nicot said. "I removed that from the total water use of fresh water."

Fracking is a process by which water and fluids are pumped into the ground at high speeds to extract previously inaccessible natural gas.

Despite the dramatic increase, both Nicot and senior research scientist Bridget Scanlon said that because water used for fracking is about 1 percent of the state's overall water use, it will not create a water shortage at a statewide level, although Scanlon said problems could arise locally.

"Anytime you have demand exceeding supply,

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WORLD

UT official to advise nuclear reform in Japan

By **Samantha Badgen**

To avoid future nuclear plant disasters, Japan's Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) called on Dale Klein, UT System administrator and UT mechanical engineering professor, to lead an advisory committee that will oversee plans for reform.

The five-member committee has been meeting since October of last year and will continue to do so. Klein, the system's associate vice chancellor for research, is the sole American on the committee.

A March 2011 earthquake and tsunami caused radiation leaks at three



Dale Klein

UT System Administrator and UT mechanical engineering professor

reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Japan. Much of the criticism fell on TEPCO, which acknowledged late last year that they did

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UNIVERSITY

Prominent mayor to join LBJ faculty

By **Victor Hernandez-Jayme**

Former two-term mayor of Atlanta, Shirley Franklin, will be serving as a visiting professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs this spring.

Franklin, who served as mayor of the city from 2002 to 2010, will be the college's first Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values.

Robert Hutchings, dean of the LBJ School, announced Franklin's position Tuesday. Hutchings said discussions about filling the professorship began last year.

"I had talked to some alumni, faculty, friends of the school and her name came early," Hutchings said. "It was not a hard decision; Shirley Franklin is an inspirational figure. I see her playing a crucial national role later on."



John Bazemore | Associated Press

Shirley Franklin, former two-term mayor of Atlanta.

Franklin was the first female mayor of Atlanta and the first African-American woman to be elected mayor of a Southern city. She was also president of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors and was selected by Time magazine as one of the five best big-city mayors in 2005.

The Barbara Jordan Chair in Ethics and Political Values was created almost 15 years ago but remained vacant until Franklin's appointment. Jordan was the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first black woman from the

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General Manager Ali Clem and employee Chris McGee work Wednesday afternoon at La Barbecue on South First St.

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Pickle Research Campus, according to the TACC website. It is one of the top centers for computational science used by researchers nationwide.

Stampede's power is derived from 6,400 Dell servers that each contain two Intel processors, according to Minyard. He said Stampede's high-speed network means applications are able

to efficiently run with many processors simultaneously.

Minyard said Stampede is available to many U.S. researchers who can apply for time on the system through the NSF.

"Most of the time is allocated to NSF researchers," Minyard said. "However, 10 percent of the system is available to UT researchers [since UT is] hosting the system. The system will be used to solve a wide range of problems from almost all science disciplines, such as

computational chemistry and physics, astrophysics, computational fluid dynamics, weather and climate modeling, computational biology, etc."

Reuben Reyes, senior systems administrator for the Bureau of Economic Geology at the Jackson School of Geosciences, said Stampede is great to work with because of its capability to rapidly solve large problems.

"It has its advantages and disadvantages," Reyes said. "The biggest advantage is you can scale up very complicated

problems at a very high level."

Despite the system's ability to solve problems quickly, there are some issues with accessibility to the computer, Reuben said. He said waiting for a problem to be solved by Stampede can sometimes take longer than the solution itself.

"You're in a queue waiting for your process to take off," Reyes said. "Once it takes off, it's solved really, really fast, but let's say I need larger resources and in the queue I'm in, it may take longer for the supercomputer to get to it."

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not implement additional safety measures despite knowing that it needed to do so.

"I think it is a very positive step that TEPCO has taken to create the reform committee because they need to reform the way they conduct themselves," Klein said in a statement.

Klein is the former chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and served as assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs under President George W. Bush. Klein does not teach any courses at the University but finds research projects for the different universities in the system. Previously, Klein headed a Department of Energy consortium with UT, A&M and Texas Tech universities for the maintenance of nuclear weapons at the Pantex facility in Amarillo.

"He knows the industry well and knows how we regulate policy dealing with nuclear issues," said Erich Schneider, associate professor of mechanical engineering and an affiliate of the University's Nuclear Radiation Engineering Program.

Randall Charbeneau, UT System assistant vice chancellor for research and UT civil engineering professor, said Klein's expertise is a good fit for the committee.

"He specialized in research administration," Charbeneau said. "TEPCO needs someone who understands policy and he has experience dealing with regulation."

Charbeneau, a former member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, too, said that the reactors failed because the force of the tsunami exceeded the design requirements, which are specified by regulations. "Regulations also change over time," Charbeneau said. "These reactors were built a number of years ago, and the regulations are continually updated as we gain more knowledge."



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South to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She also served as a professor at the LBJ School from 1979 to 1996.

"Barbara Jordan's legacy was so extraordinary that it was hard to find someone to fill it," Hutchings said, "which is why the position was vacant for so long."

Franklin said she is humbled to have her name associated with Jordan.

"When I think of Barbara Jordan I think of integrity, intelligence, courage,

persuasion and compassion for the poor," Franklin said. "I am so thankful."

Franklin visited UT for the first time in the fall of 2012, when she met with community leaders, students, faculty and representatives of the LBJ Foundation, a nonprofit that supports the college and the LBJ Presidential Library. Franklin said she is looking forward to her new role.

"Austin is a city that for a very long time mayors looked for best practices and innovation," Hutchings said. "I am looking forward to see what the students have to tell me."

Hutchings said that he is very proud to have Franklin among the faculty,

although her role and the classes she will teach have not yet been determined.

"More than a specific set of responsibilities, she adds an ethical and moral dimension to the school and the University that we didn't have before," Hutchings said. "We are still to talk which classes in specific she might even be giving."

Franklin is interested in studying trends in megaregions, shaping environmental policy and fighting poverty. Franklin will also play a crucial role in the development of a new urban management program.

"I don't have the typical credentials of an academic, but I

have a lot of practical experience," Franklin said. "You will find that I have a long history in the issues of fighting poverty and homelessness. There is a lot of expertise in government, and I would like to help build bridges."

Junior economics major Eric Alanis, who is also an aide at the Texas Capitol, said Franklin's appointment is a great opportunity for students.

"We have the opportunity to study with and meet with one of the best public administrators there is," Alanis said. "She is committed to reform and isn't afraid of big challenges: deficit, inefficiency, structural investment, you name it."

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2011 on the Texas Legislative Budget Board's website. The Legislature allocated \$15.1 billion for that biennium.

Seliger said he is interested in examining funds for the TEXAS Grant Program, a program that supplies grants to college students with financial need. Funds for the program remain unchanged from the levels approved by the Legislature during the

previous session. The House and Senate proposals allocate \$325.2 million to the program for fiscal year 2014 and \$234.4 million for fiscal year 2015. The Legislature previously allocated \$352.2 million to the program for fiscal year 2012 and \$234.4 million for fiscal year 2013.

Don Baylor, a policy analyst who specializes in higher education at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, said state financial support for higher education is decreasing while the Legislature seeks to enact legislation guaranteeing stu-

dents fixed tuition and tying a percentage of state funding to student performance.

"The irony is they want to have lower financial input but have greater policy input," Baylor said.

Thomas Lindsay, director of the Center for Higher Education at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, said that higher educational institutions must face cuts along with other areas of state government.

"Everyone is having to learn to do more with less and higher education is no exception," Lindsay said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

NASA, Europe unite to plan trip to moon

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is teaming up with the European Space Agency to get astronauts beyond Earth’s orbit. Europe will provide the propulsion and power compartment for NASA’s new Orion crew capsule, officials said Wednesday. This so-called service module will be based on Europe’s supply ship used for the International Space Station. Orion’s first trip is an unmanned mission in 2017. Any extra European parts will be incorporated in the first manned mission of Orion in 2021. NASA’s human exploration chief, Bill Gerstenmaier, said both missions will be aimed at the vicinity of the moon. The exact details are being worked out; lunar fly-bys, rather than landings, are planned.

Helicopter crashes in London; 2 dead

LONDON — A helicopter crashed into a crane and fell on a crowded street in central London during rush hour Wednesday, sending flames and black plumes of smoke into the air. The pilot and one person on the ground were killed and 13 others injured, officials said. The helicopter crashed in misty weather just south of the River Thames near the Underground and mainline train station at Vauxhall, and close to the headquarters of spy agency MI6. Police said one person had critical injuries. Six were taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries and seven treated at the scene, ambulance officials said.

Coloradan missing in Grand Canyon

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The mother of a Colorado woman reported missing while on a private river trip at the Grand Canyon said Wednesday that she believes her daughter fell into the water and is dead. Kaitlin Anne Kenney, of Englewood, Colo., was last seen Friday night at her group’s camp near Tapeats Creek on the north side of the Colorado River. Despite an extensive search on land and along the river, park rangers have found no sign of her and have scaled back search efforts. “We believe that she’s probably fallen into the river, and we’re just waiting for word when someone finds her,” Kenney’s mother, Linnea Kenney, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Linnea Kenney said officials at the Grand Canyon have told her it could be a week or longer before her daughter’s body would surface in the river.

Brazilian website fakes girlfriend

SAO PAULO — Want to make your ex-girlfriend jealous? Need to show your friends you are in a serious relationship when you aren’t? A Brazilian website says it has the answer: fake girlfriends. NamoroFake.com.br says that for 40 reais (\$20) it will create a fake girlfriend and post her profile on Facebook within a week. Without revealing numbers, the website says it has “a lot” of male clients who use its services to make former girlfriends jealous and show them they are dating again. It says “all profiles are fictitious and not based on real people.” — Compiled from Associated Press reports



Susan Walsh | Associated Press

President Barack Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, left, hugs eight-year-old letter writer Grant Fritz during a news conference on proposals to reduce gun violence Wednesday in the South Court Auditorium at the White House in Washington. Obama and Biden were joined by law enforcement officials, lawmakers and children who wrote the president about gun violence following the shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., last month.

Gun control becomes top issue

By Tom Raul Associated Press

Leading up to President Barack Obama’s second inauguration, strong emotions are emanating from both sides of the aisle on a range of subjects in today’s highly charged political environment of Washington. There are raging battles over the national debt ceiling, taxes, spending cuts and immigration overhaul — no shortage of hot-button issues awaiting Obama and a deeply divided Congress. The president has now formally added to the list gun control, which wasn’t even a major part of his second-term agenda until last month’s deadly shooting rampage at an elementary

school in Connecticut that claimed the lives of 20 children and six adults. Obama unveiled a tough package of measures Wednesday to curb what he said was “an epidemic” of gun violence. They include proposed legislation to ban the sale of certain semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity ammunition magazines and to expand background checks. He also announced a raft of 23 steps that he could take by executive action alone without requiring congressional consent. The legislative part of his package drew predictable and heavy opposition from the gun lobby and Republicans and is even drawing resistance from some members of his own party. Senate Majority Leader

Harry Reid, D-Nev., for instance, says that while an assault-style weapons ban might pass the Senate, he doubts it could pass the Republican-led House. Reid said immigration tops his priority list after the upcoming fiscal fights — not gun control. The heavy sentiment in Congress against sweeping changes to gun laws runs counter to polls showing that a majority of Americans support tighter gun restrictions. A new AP-GfK poll shows that 58 percent of Americans favor strengthening gun laws and 85 percent favor background checks for gun-show purchases. Obama acknowledges the difficulty of making headway against the ingrained gun lobby and its

“If there’s even one life that can be saved, then we have an obligation to try it. And I’m going do to my part.” — Barack Obama, President of the United States

congressional backers. But, he said Wednesday, “If there’s even one life that can be saved, then we have an obligation to try it. And I’m going do to my part.”

Islamists take hostages in Algeria after attack

By Paul Schemm Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — In a desert standoff deep in the Sahara, the Algerian army ringed a natural gas complex where Islamist militants hunkered down with dozens of hostages Wednesday night after a rare attack that appeared to be the first violent shock wave from the French intervention in Mali. A militant group that claimed responsibility said 41 foreigners, including seven Americans, were being held after the assault on one of oil-rich Algeria’s energy facilities, 800 miles from the capital of Algiers and 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) from the coast. Two foreigners were killed. The group claiming responsibility said the attack

was in revenge for Algeria’s support of France’s military operation against al-Qaida-linked rebels in neighboring Mali. The U.S. defense secretary called it a “terrorist act.” The militants appeared to have no escape, with troops surrounding the complex and army helicopters clattering overhead. The group — called Katibat Moulathamine or the Masked Brigade — phoned a Mauritanian news outlet to say one of its affiliates had carried out the operation at the Ain Amenass gas field, and that France should end its intervention in Mali to ensure the safety of the hostages. BP, the Norwegian company Statoil and the Algerian state oil company Sonatrach, operate the gas field. A Japanese company, JGC Corp,




Islamist militants from Mali attacked the Amenass natural gas field partly operated by BP in Algeria early on Wednesday, killing a security guard and kidnapping at least eight people.

Photo Courtesy of BP

provides services for the facility as well. In Rome, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta declared that the U.S. “will take all necessary and proper steps” to deal with the attack in Algeria. He would not detail what such steps might be but

condemned the action as “terrorist attack” and likened it to al-Qaida activities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Algeria’s top security official, Interior Minister Daho Ould Kabila, said that “security forces have

surrounded the area and cornered the terrorists, who are in one wing of the complex’s living quarters.” He said one Briton and one Algerian were killed in the attack, while a Norwegian and two other Britons were among the six wounded.



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Race, class and gender, Q&A with Peter Wood

Editor's note: Peter Wood serves as president of the National Association of Scholars, a New York-based organization. On Jan. 11, the National Association of Scholars published a report titled "Recasting History." The 62-page report concludes that both UT and Texas A&M's introductory U.S. history course offerings are overly focused on themes of race, class and gender. The interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

Daily Texan: What do you want to happen as a result of your report?

Peter Wood: I hope the history departments at both [A&M and UT-Austin] will read the report seriously and reflect on it and come to some decision that they really do need to broaden the history offerings for the freshman and sophomores ... It may take some time for the dust to settle and for people to realize the changes are really quite desirable and that this isn't something that would be that hard to do ... I'd like to see the Texas Legislature amend the legislation that requires students to take a year of American history and amend it by putting in provisions and oversight in review to make sure the courses being offered to meet the requirement actually meet the requirement.

DT: What was your own experience learning history as an undergraduate? How has that impacted the way you see the conclusions the study draws?

PW: ... I was an undergraduate student at a small liberal arts college on the East Coast called Haverford College. I attended Haverford from 1971 to 1975. At that time, the college had very few requirements and the only history courses that I took happened to be on African history. So, not too different from some of what gets offered at UT in the special topics courses. I was an anthropology major studying African history. I'd taken AP American History in high school, and that was the last time I formally studied American history. In the many years since then I've done a lot of reading in American history. I'm not doing this from the standpoint of someone who went to college in the good old days when everything was done right, far from it.

DT: Do you think [the lack of broad-based history courses] is a new problem? Also are you saying there were good old days when everything was done right?

PW: No, I don't believe there were. There have been times when the teaching of American history has been done better than it is now and times it has

been done worse. We're dealing with the present, not the past. My comment is motivated by some critics who think we're calling nostalgically for a return to some perfect past, but that's not my experience.

DT: I read the study carefully and it does seem that one of the underpinning sentiments is the correcting of a lean in one direction. What is the direction you suggest going back toward?

PW: I'm not necessarily suggesting we return to anything, but the better path forward would be a thoughtful approach to teaching history that is generous towards all the areas of history ... It's not that we think race, class and gender material shouldn't be part of the general mix of things; it's that there's the disproportion those three parts get and a great neglect of all the other parts ... The focus on race, class and gender leaves no room.

DT: Who came up with the idea of conducting the study and why?

PW: I'm not entirely sure of the answer to that. In organizations like mine, ideas get floated all the time. I think the original idea may have come from [Stephen Balch, the retired founder of the National Association of Scholars], my predecessor.

DT: What was the reason for conducting the study?

PW: Texas has this law that requires students to take a full year of or one semester of American history and one semester of Texas history as an option. That's a significant body of data. Texas passed this other law that [mandated] the syllabi of courses and curriculum vitae of faculty members [must be available within three clicks of the institution's homepage]. What did we expect to find? We had no idea. Race, class and gender emerged from the data when we started collecting syllabi and seeing the patterns emerge. That's the one that jumped out at us. My goodness, there are a lot of courses here on race, class and gender.

DT: [In the study] there's the idea there's a connection between the gap in college students' learning and the [intense focus of the history classes on gender, race and class]. What proof do you have of that connection?

PW: I think that's a matter less of proof than of interpretation.

DT: Do you think that could be true about some of the other conclusions the study draws?

PW: I feel endangered you're distorting some of this. I'm a social scientist, which means I make some kind of claim to being a scientist, but social scientists are by their nature interpretative enterprisers. In order to reach conclusions, you have to reach plausible interpretations, but just because it's an interpretation doesn't mean it's out of the blue or just someone's opinion; it has to be deeply and closely grounded in connection to the facts. I understand my answer here is more long-winded than you would like, but you're asking me a question of whether our observations about the history courses at these two universities are plausibly connected to the national problem of graduates not knowing very much. The answer has to lie in the realm of interpretation. We cannot not generalize from the specifics of course offerings and syllabi at universities to the whole world of some 19 million college students. There's a certain lottery that is required when you make these things; it doesn't mean that the conclusions are flimsy or up in the air.

DT: How do you come to the conclusion that learning about race, class and gender excludes learning about other themes based on the course readings?

PW: Let's start with a simple administrative rule for colleges and universities. A class has only so many hours: hours people spend in the classroom, the amount of time teachers are in contact with students, the amount of work a student is going to do. It's finite. If you teach more of x you're going to teach less of y.

DT: Why didn't you visit classes or contact professors?

PW: We were deliberately trying to do a study that was objective and that did not depend on making up lists of opinions. If we had gone around and visited classes, which classes would we have visited? How long would we have stayed? ... Visiting classes was practically impossible. We also made sure everything we looked at was based on public sources. ... Also, would we have been welcome?

DT: Would it have made sense to send survey questions — the same questions — to all the professors being scrutinized?

PW: To what end? We wanted to know what the faculty members had actually taught, not what they said about what had been taught.

DT: But how can you know what they said about those books?

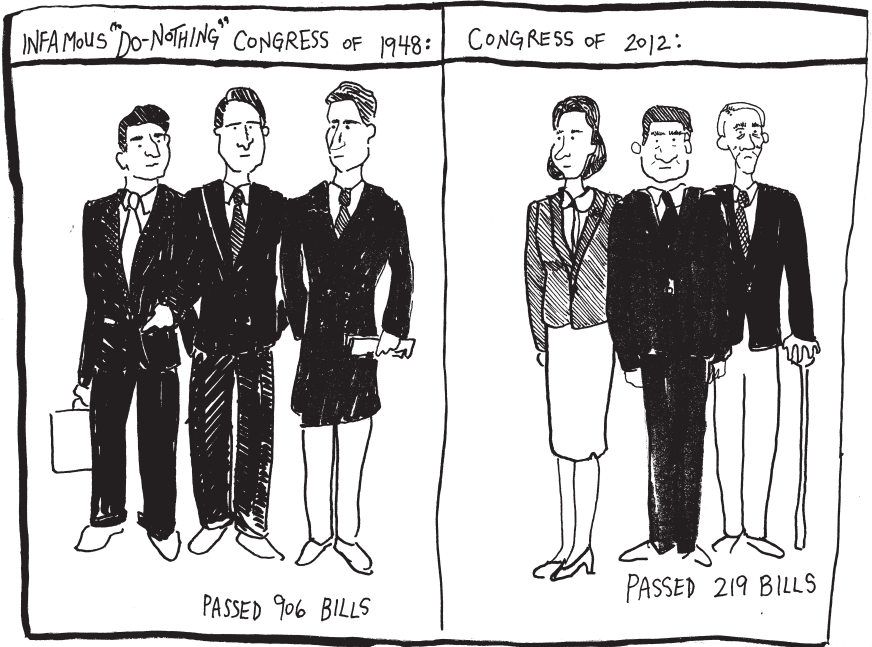


PW: We cannot know what they said about those books. It's perfectly true we acknowledge that we don't know, we're not omniscient. What we do as social scientists is create a research design and work within that research design. What's beyond the research is beyond it, and if someone else wants to ask the faculty members involved, "How do you feel about what you taught?," what's that going to show? I don't believe its going to show much of anything important.

DT: At what point, if you have a limited amount of data available to you, do you decide this experiment cannot be thorough because the sources of data that would provide a complete picture are predominately off-limits and if we tried to pursue them, they would not be objective?

PW: The issue here is creating a research project in which the data that's available is used to address specific questions that pertain to that data. We did not set out to report on what students learn in history courses at these two universities ... If you're taking a course on particle physics you're probably not going to learn much about AM music. The subjects of the course material covered tells you something about what students are going to learn. Now, if you take a course on American history that focuses on race, class and gender, all the readings focus on race, class and gender, it's highly unlikely you're going to come away with an enriched understanding of American diplomacy, American economy, American religion. You'll get little bits of pieces but you won't get the whole picture. Is that an assumption? Yes. Is it a wild and crazy assumption? No, it's not. It's based on common sense and observation. All the people working on this report were college professors. We know what we do. And we know how colleges work.

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Gun control: A German's disbelief

By Maria-Xenia Hardt

When I told people in Germany my plans to study in Texas for a year, they all had the same reaction: "Be careful with those cowboys, don't get shot!" While I haven't met many cowboys, the warning about getting shot turned out to be a legitimate concern. One day after my arrival, three people were shot at Texas A&M in College Station, a mere 100 miles away from me. Four more mass shootings have occurred since then across the United States, the most terrifying one in Newtown, CT. The number of mass shootings in the U.S. in 2012 totaled 16. Every year, about 15,000 people are victims of homicides

in the United States, and 12,000 of those victims are killed by firearms. Compared to the approximately 4,000 annual homicide victims in Western Europe (which has a total of 360 million inhabitants), the U.S. figures are shocking. Every American has read or watched news reports about mass shootings. Comparatively few have witnessed one on their own, though I've met many UT students who were on campus during the 2010 shooting. Some were outside in the campus area but only found out about the shooting later, some had to stay in their classrooms, some didn't know what was really going on but heard shots, some were actually in the library. Although no one besides the attacker himself

was hurt in the end, no one has forgotten being in such close proximity to the possibility of death. For many Europeans, including myself, it is unbelievable that, in spite of such traumatic episodes, many Americans continue to defend today's laws that make it relatively easy in most states for an unlicensed anybody to acquire an unregistered weapon with 20- or even 30-round magazines. I understand that America is in many ways different from Europe, both culturally and geographically, which complicates the case of comparative gun politics. And there are indeed countries on this planet that have stricter gun policies than the U.S. but more people

killed with firearms. But these are countries entirely different from the U.S. in terms of wealth, education and development. In countries as developed as the U.S., more guns generally go along with more people being killed by them. Europeans are actually not totally unfamiliar with not-so-strict gun policies. I study in Freiburg, less than an hour away from the Swiss border. We go there on weekend trips every now and then, but no one was ever afraid that I could get shot, even though Switzerland has a very liberal gun policy. In contrast to the U.S., however, many guns are kept in depots rather than in private households. Additionally, in Switzerland everybody must have health insurance, another

European institution most Americans dislike. Without going into that discussion too much, it is important to mention because it contributes to a significant problem in the U.S.: Mental illnesses like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder can lead to mass shootings. Medical treatment can prevent that, but it is expensive, and if you don't have health insurance you are unlikely to get it. If you do not check people's backgrounds when they buy firearms — in Germany, for instance, you won't get a gun if you have a criminal record or a mental illness, you must register your gun every three years and of course you must carry a license — and if treatment is unavailable for a lot of mentally ill people, you invite a

massive amount of gun homicides. That's what the U.S. has been doing for decades. You cannot absolutely prevent all shootings, just like you cannot prevent car accidents. They happen in Germany and Switzerland as well as in the U.S. One of the most terrible mass shootings ever occurred two years ago in Norway, a country that is considered one of the safest and most tolerant in the world. However, you can reduce their frequency. I know that when it comes to gun politics, the U.S. is highly unlikely to change, no matter how many men, women and children die, but I would not at all be upset if this prediction was proven wrong. Hardt is an English junior from Freiburg, Germany.

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Officials from the Austin City Council, City Manager’s office and office of Neighborhood Housing and Development, along with members of the Anderson Community Development Corporation participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for affordable housing units on East 12th Street Wednesday afternoon. The \$2.8 million project will provide energy efficient housing for low income families.

Energy-efficient housing arrives

By Miles Hutson

East Austin will be getting 24 energy-efficient affordable housing units in 2014 after the city broke ground on the construction site Wednesday. Located a short distance from downtown on East 12th Street, the development will be available for households earning 50 percent or less of the federal government-defined median family income — the equivalent of \$36,600 or less annually for a family of four. The project is estimated to cost \$2.8 million. “Affordable housing is something the city of Austin has made a commitment to,” Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole said. Anthony Snipes, Austin’s acting assistant city manager, said it was important that Austin’s growth not come at

a price to poor communities. “As we continue to become a prosperous city, it’s important that those with less fortune have the ability to remain,” Snipes said. “The good thing about these units is that we not only have 24 quality units being built, but they’re also going to be energy-efficient. With lots of low-income housing, you don’t always have that benefit and the utilities tend to be high.” Cole said that without continued construction of affordable housing, Austin will not be able to meet growing demand. The city estimates there is already a need for 39,000 affordable units for low-income residents. Members of the Anderson Community Development Corporation said the East Austin development will not be able to serve

all of its applicants. The development corporation is a nonprofit cooperating with the city’s affordable housing projects. “There’s certainly a deep need,” Jim Rath of Anderson CDC said. “Not only will we be able to fill these 24 units, but we’ll have a waiting list.” This high demand, he said, necessitates more affordable housing. Cole said the growth of affordable housing from the city will have to slow down without the approval of bonds for construction by voters. The housing development was funded by the HOME Investment Partnerships program, a federal program which provides funds for a variety of housing projects for low-income families. Snipes said the rejection of affordable housing bonds

“ Affordable housing is something the city of Austin has made a commitment to. — Sheryl Cole, Mayor Pro Tem

in last year’s November elections was disappointing to him. However, he had hope voters would approve them this November, when Austin City Council members plan to bring them up for a vote again. “Maybe it was lost in the mix [last election],” Snipes said. “Getting those dollars allows us to ensure that Austin isn’t known as an elite community, but a community for all.”

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you have a problem,” Scanlon said. According to Nicot, the amount of water used for mining, which includes water used for fracking, is too small to endanger aquifers. “In terms of strictly water quantity, and I’m not talking about water contamination, the bottom line is that the water used for fracking is not a threat for aquifers,” Nicot said. Fred Beach, a research associate with the Webber Energy Group at UT, said many of the concerns about fracking arise because of “a lack of familiarity with and understanding of the process,” and that all forms of energy production carry risks. “Similarly, most forms of energy production entail some level of water consumption,” Beach said. “In time of drought and concern over water scarcity these uses raise to a higher level of visibility.” Nicot said under drought conditions, companies use brackish water unsuitable for municipal use and recycle water when possible. “If you treat that water efficiently, you could reuse it,” Nicot said. In the meantime, Nicot said companies are pursuing ways to use fracking more efficiently. “To stimulate the process, you add chemicals to help the water flow faster,” Nicot said. “If you use brackish water, it doesn’t usually work as well, so they use additives. They’re also developing greener additives that are biodegradable.” Because fracking has become a commonly used technique in the oil industry, Beach said revisiting regulations for the process is necessary. “This means that rules and regulations with regards to safe and environmentally responsible use of hydraulic fracturing and other drilling methods and procedures need to be reviewed and updated,” Beach said. Nicot’s study is the first released by UT about fracking following a publication last year by former UT professor Charles Groat that found no evidence of groundwater contamination from fracking. However, Groat resigned from his position at the University after a review found that he failed to disclose a conflict of interest before publishing the study.

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TEXAS TECH

Tech outlasts Longhorns

By Matt Warden

In a whirlwind game from start to finish, the Texas Longhorns dropped their seventh straight contest, 66-59, to Texas Tech. The loss gives the Longhorns a 0-5 start to Big 12 play, their worst start in conference play in school history.

"We really just got to stay positive," guard Chassidy Fussell said. "And just keep working hard in practice and staying together as a team."

Texas looked out of sync early on as errant passes and sloppy transition defense saw the Red Raiders jump out to a 23-9 lead in the first half. Head coach Karen Aston spent most of the half pacing the sidelines as Texas Tech scored 19 of the 35 first half points off Longhorn turnovers.

"The story of the four games we've played in conference play has been mistakes," Aston said. "I think our effort and our attitude about the adversity in games has gotten so much better but the mistakes are still happening."

The Longhorns did their best to curb the early deficit, slowing down the tempo and getting the ball inside to Nneka Enemkpali, who finished the first half with 12 points. Despite heading into the locker room down, 35-27, Aston was pleased with the team's resiliency.

"I don't want to act like I'm proud of losing," Aston said.



Junior Chassidy Fussell shoots against Texas Tech on Wednesday night. Fussell went 3-for-12 and 1-for-6 from beyond the arc in the 66-59 loss. The Longhorns have lost their last seven games and are 0-5 in Big 12 conference play for the first time in school history.

"But I'm proud that they're not giving in and I'm proud that players are stepping forward."

Imani McGee-Stafford gave the Longhorns a breath of fresh air in the second half, finishing the game with 20 points and 11 rebounds. In spite of her surge of energy, however, the Longhorns just couldn't put it all together.

"I think we were working — emphasis on we," McGee-Stafford said. "We were moving the ball, people were

doing what they needed to do in offense, we were making stops, and everybody was at their man. The chips just didn't fall."

The loss is a disappointing one for the Longhorns, who had many chances to break the game open. The rebounding and post-play edge that the Longhorns usually enjoy was nullified by an experienced Texas Tech defense that blanketed the Longhorns all night.

"If this was an older team I'd say that effort became not enough a long time ago," Aston said. "But a lot of the mistakes they're making is because they're really, really young but I don't think they're that stubborn. In the moment, they are making mistakes that you hope in due time they will stop making."

They may have taken another step back in the Big 12 standings, but learning against an experienced team

has Aston hopeful heading into Oklahoma this Saturday.

"I am proud that their effort was good tonight and I am proud that they came back tonight and could've cratered when they got down," Aston said. "I am proud of moving forward."

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McGee-Stafford leads in difficult loss to Red Raiders

BY THE NUMBERS

0-5: The Longhorns' record in Big 12 play. They've never had such a poor mark to begin conference play — not in the Big 12 nor the old Southwest conference. The Longhorns fell to Texas Tech, 66-59, despite shooting 49 percent from the field.

25: Number of turnovers, leading to 27 Texas Tech points.

20/11: Freshman Imani McGee-Stafford's stat line. She recorded yet another double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds despite injuring her knee in the second half.

"I was impressed with our freshman tonight," head coach Karen Aston said. "But we just had too many turnovers. When we didn't turn it over, our offense was really good."

GAME BREAKDOWN

First Half: For the second straight game, Texas started piling the turnovers on early. After committing 26 this past Sunday against Oklahoma State, the Longhorns committed 14 in the first half, resulting in 19 of the Red Raiders' 35 points. Despite falling behind by 14 points in the early stages, Enemkpali led the Longhorns on a 10-2 run to cut the deficit to four with 2:27 remaining. The Longhorns were unable to close the half strong and went to break trailing, 33-27. Enemkpali was perfect from the field, leading the Longhorns with 12 points.

Morris of Texas Tech led all scorers with 15.

Second Half: Despite going to the locker room with an apparent knee injury, McGee-Stafford returned stronger than ever and behind her 16 second-half points, the Longhorns cut the deficit to one with just over a minute to go. As the game entered the final minute, Texas Tech's experience showed as they were able to get stops on defense, force turnovers and hit their free throws down the stretch to secure a 66-59 victory and improve to 3-2 in Big 12 play.

— Evan Berkowitz

STAT GUY

Horns unsuccessful on the court against big men



The Longhorns have gotten off to a sluggish start in conference play in 2013, losing their first three games against Big 12 opponents.

Upsetting No. 4 Kansas on Saturday could go a long way in righting the ship for the Longhorns and would provide them with a much needed momentum kick, but the numbers suggest that Texas will have its hands full with the Kansas big men.

The Longhorns have had their fair share of trouble against post-up players this season, especially against

premier opponents. Baylor big men Isaiah Austin and Cory Jefferson combined for 43 points and 22 rebounds in their win against Texas on Jan. 5, while Michigan State center Derrick Nix scored 25 points and grabbed 11 boards in a Dec. 22 victory.

The Jayhawks will have the same opportunity to exploit the Texas front court, as their 7-foot, 235-lb. center Jeff Withey will easily be the biggest player on the court. The senior is enjoying a strong 2012-13 campaign, averaging 13.1 points and 8.2 rebounds per game while averaging just under 30 minutes per contest. Withey is also a terror on the defensive end, blocking

4.7 shots a game, second-best in the nation and identical to Anthony Davis' clip a season ago.

A large component of Texas' issues against big, physical back-to-the-basket players can be attributed to the Longhorns' overall lack of size. Only one player, freshman Prince Ibeh, stands at 6 feet 10 inches, and he only averages 10.4 minutes per game. The freshman could see the floor more on Saturday in an attempt to compromise Withey, but the Kansas center still possesses considerably more size and experience.

Texas has relied heavily on its perimeter scorers through 16 games, and this is a significant reason why its .401 field goal percentage ranks 304th in the nation. Longhorns big men Connor Lammert, Cameron Ridley and Jaylen Bond have each converted on less than half of their shot attempts, and because of this, Texas has lacked a dynamic scorer at the post positions all season.

Kansas has not had this problem, as the Jayhawks



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Freshman Cameron Ridley dunks against UCLA last month. Ridley has been shooting 33 percent for the Longhorns so far this season.

are 13th in the nation with a .489 field goal percentage. They will be eager to exploit this mismatch against Texas, as Withey, Kevin Young and, to a lesser extent, Perry Ellis will each have the chance to score and rebound near the rim. And then, out on the perimeter, there's freshman sensation Ben McLemore, who's dealing with a tweaked ankle but is putting up 16.4 points per contest.

Should Withey and company play well Saturday, it would not be an unprecedented

occurrence as Kansas big men have given the Longhorns trouble over the years. Last season, Thomas Robinson racked up 25 points and 14 boards in his final home game, and in 2003 Nick Collison had one of the most memorable games in this rivalry's history by registering 24 points and 23 rebounds in a 90-87 win.

The Longhorns will be hungry to make a statement this Saturday at home against Kansas, but the inside presence of the Jayhawks should make this difficult.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Report: Te'o center of girlfriend hoax

Deadspin.com released a report Wednesday afternoon claiming that Notre Dame senior linebacker Manti Te'o's girlfriend, Lennay Kekua, did not exist. Reports surfaced at the beginning of September that Kekua passed away after a battle with leukemia, leaving Te'o heartbroken after just having lost his grandmother the same day. Te'o reported the tragic incident and claimed it was his motivation to play as he led the Fighting Irish to an undefeated regular season and a chance to play Alabama for the National Title.

Jack Swarbrick, the athletic director for Notre Dame, said in a news conference Wednesday evening that Te'o was the victim of a cruel hoax, one that was not perpetuated by Te'o.

Over the course of several years, Te'o established a digital relationship with the fictitious Kekua, who was allegedly a student at Stanford University. The relationship included frequent online communications and telephone conversations.

"To realize that I was the victim of what was apparently someone's sick joke and constant lies was, and is, painful and humiliating," Te'o said in a statement.

Swarbrick reported that Te'o, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, approached the Notre Dame staff Dec. 26 about the hoax.

Longhorns win weekly T&F awards

Two Longhorns have been awarded Big 12 weekly awards for their efforts on the track. Junior sprinter Danielle Dowie was named the Big 12 Female Athlete of the Week last week and senior hurdler Keiron Stewart earned Big 12 Men's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for his efforts.

Last week against Alabama, Dowie finished first in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash, turning in personal bests for each event. In the 400-meter event, she holds the nation's top time at 53.95, the only sub-54.00 time this season.

Against top-ranked Arkansas, Stewart claimed the top spot in the 60-meter hurdles at 7.74. Overall, he contributed 8.75 points in the loss, a team-high effort. He sits at No. 10 in the Texas record books for hurdles.

— Sara Beth Purdy

BIG PROBLEMS

TEXAS VS. BIG MEN THIS SEASON

	BAYLOR (Isaiah Austin and Cory Jefferson) combined for 43 points, 22 rebounds	S
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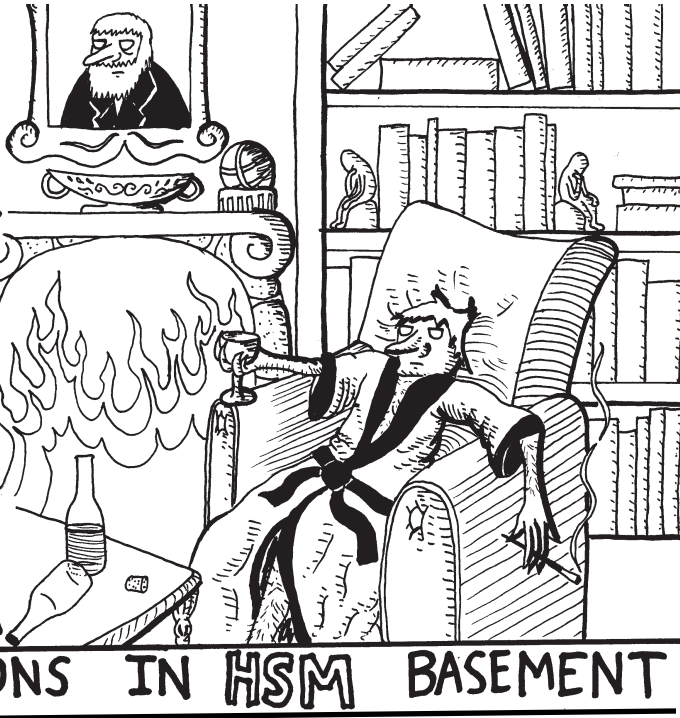
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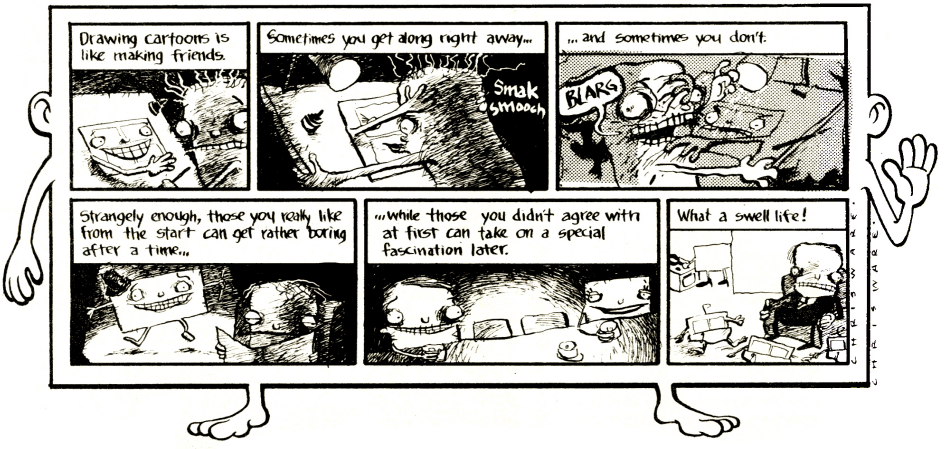
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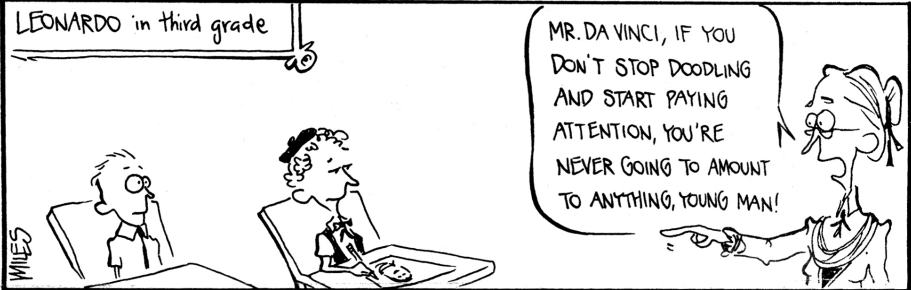
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Chris Ware is amazing and wins awards all the time.

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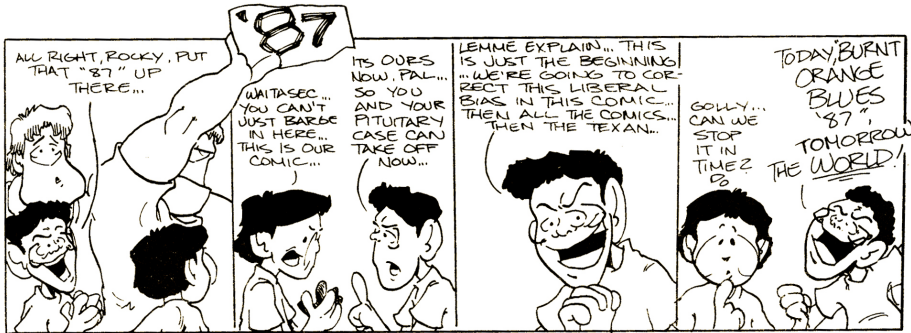
by Miles Mathis



Wise words from Miles Mathis in '87. Doodle or die.

BURNT ORANGE BLUES

BY VAN GARRETT

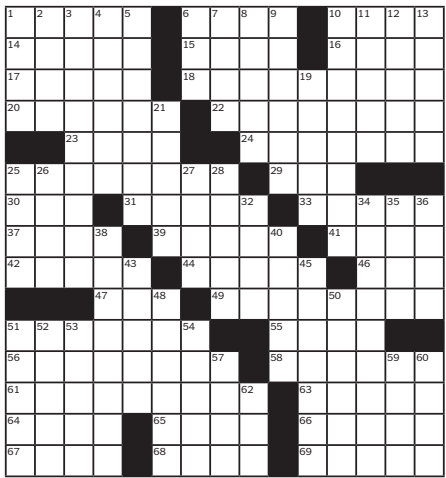


Paranoia of liberal bias est. 1987, as shown here by Van Garrett.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1213

- ACROSS**
- Lament after a loss, maybe
 - Like un + quatre vis-à-vis deux + trois
 - Reduce
 - Put to paper
 - Partly
 - Accumulation
 - Historical record
 - Feature of many a rec room
 - Discontinued brand of antidandruff shampoo
 - Something generally known
 - Andrea Bocelli's "___ per lei"
 - Hearing problems?
 - Like a buzz, say
 - ___ Mahal
 - Bird: Prefix
 - Quickly accumulated
 - ___ Chair
- DOWN**
- Kind of team
 - Department where Camembert cheese is made
 - Insincere-sounding speaking style
 - Classic consoles
 - Stand's partner
 - Special sight?
 - Proceed, say
 - Cry preceding "Are too!"
 - Walks
 - 1996 live-action animated comedy
 - Only astrological sign with an inanimate symbol
 - "No One's (Eminem rap)"
 - Sports events
 - Late breakfast time, maybe
 - For dieters
 - Establishment that may display a chalkboard
 - Ukrainian city, once
 - Some: Sp.
 - 2006 Winter Olympics city
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
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Puzzle by SAM EZERSKY

32 When doubled, a Pacific capital

33 Kids' doorbell-ringing prank

34 Razor brand

35 Grace period?

36 It's hard to get a reaction out of it

40 ___ Park, Calif.

43 Toaster's output?

44 Dollars and cents, e.g.

45 Attempt to get a mass audience

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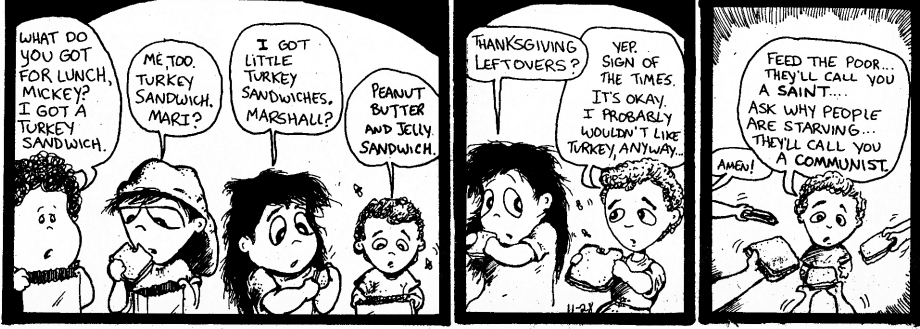
47 Novelist who was a childhood friend of Cézanne

48 Canals

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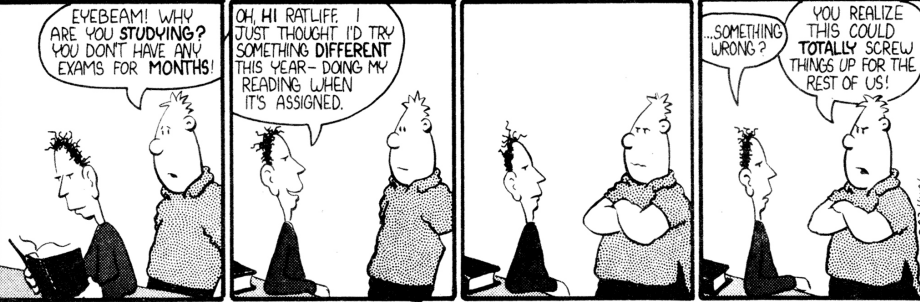
by Robert Rodriguez



Robert Rodriguez in '89 ... you know ... the freakin' director!

EYEBEAM

by Sam Hurt



In 1982, one of Sam Hurt's characters was elected UT Student Government President.



Brad Wines gets political in '83. Stickin' it to the Man.

THE ACADEMIA WALTZ

BY BERKE BREATHED



Berke Breathed went on to create Bloom County, which earned him the Pulitzer Prize.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Memories susceptible to change

SCIENCE SCENE
By Robert Starr

As the spring semester begins and classes resume, our winter vacation now remains only in our memories. These memories form an important part of who we are, and it can be surprising how often gatherings with family or friends turn into conversations of shared experiences. Our memories are, for many of us, more valuable than any of our more tangible possessions. But as valuable as we may deem them and how-ever reliable they may seem, research shows that our memo-ries can be fickle and, at times, easy to manipulate.

Case in point: a study which asked subjects to read four stories about their pasts and state how well they remembered them. The trick? One of the stories, about the subject lost in a mall, was a complete fabrication. Of the 24 participants, six had recollections of this event even though it never happened. During a follow-up interview, a week or two later, the false memories felt even clearer to the participants.

A more modern take on this experiment involved pho-toshopping the subject into a hot air balloon and asking him about the event. The think-ing was that if written stories can induce false memories in people about 25 percent of the time, a picture, which most of

us would find more convinc-ing, should be an even more powerful tool. Oddly enough, however, this turns out not to be the case: the written narra-tives were more likely to induce false memories than the photo-graphs. There isn't a clear expla-nation for this result, but one possible hypothesis is that nar-ratives lead the mind to more creative possibilities of what may have happened whereas a photograph provides a spe-cific snapshot of an event that is either remembered or not.

Our hazy memories extend to more consequential events, such as the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Studies asking par-ticipants for their stories a day after the event, then at various times in the future, discovered that even though the subjects' confidence in their memo-ries remained steady over time, the stories became less and less consistent.

If false memories can be easily induced and confidence doesn't correlate with reli-ability, there could be serious ramifications. Sure enough, there are several reported cases where false memories have led to confessions.

One of the most famous ex-amples of this is chronicled in Lawrence Wright's New Yorker article "Remembering Satan," which details how two sisters accused their father of sexual abuse, believing they had re-pressed the memories of their trauma. The father denied any recollection of such events,



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but eventually confessed after utilizing memory recovery techniques similar to those his daughters used. As the case developed, the accusations be-came more unlikely — even-tually involving satanic rituals and mass infanticide the father continued to confess to — and many started to believe none of these “recovered memories” were of actual events.

It's worth noting that truly recovered memories are prob-ably rare occurrences and the process of recovering them is unclear. Leading questions could implant a false memory that has the appearance of a recovered one. And, according to the American Psychologi-cal Association, it's impossible to tell the difference between the two, unless more tangible

evidence is also provided.

For the most part, how-ever, most of our memories probably aren't wholesale fabrications. We may be guilty of misremembering a detail or embellishing from time to time, but the end

consequences are often not much more than a better story. With that in mind, the next time a friend tells you a jaw-drop-ping story, take it with a grain of salt. He may not be lying, but that doesn't mean that he's telling the truth.

VIDEO: bit.ly/ss_memory

HEALTH

Doctor phobic urges flu vaccination

By Sarah-Grace Sweeney
Daily Texan Columnist

So apparently there is a flu epidemic. We have been hearing all of this alarming news since late December, which led Google to create a terrifying map showing the flu outbreak by state, with red meaning “high” or “intense” levels of flu. The whole map is basically red.

For someone whose recent search history always in-cludes something along the lines of “Do I have a tumor if my eyes are twitching?,” this is a terrifying time.

I wouldn't call myself a hypochondriac because I am also afraid of the doctor and choose not to go on a regular basis. Instead, I am stuck in this limbo of think-ing I have a new illness on a regular basis, but too afraid of all those cheery nurses and the ever-accurate scale to find out what's actually wrong with me.

I have instead turned to

home remedies. And by that I mean I take a lot of vitamin C and carry around hand sanitizer. I will also eat or drink almost anything if there is even a 1 percent chance it might stave off diseases. For example, I am now drinking pomegranate juice to prevent my inevi-table Alzheimer's because a friend said she “read it in Reader's Digest or some-thing.” Good enough for me.

So this flu season, when I should just suck it up, get a flu shot and move on with my life, I will instead live in constant fear. I am just beg-ging for the virus anyway. I don't sleep, I spend most of my time in a dark, dank basement working for this paper and I touch my face too much, which, I know, is like the worst thing any hu-man being can possibly do.

My best advice as a jour-nalism major and nothing even close to a medical pro-fessional is to stay hydrated since that is the solution for everything. A McKinney

family legend says that you can take a shot of whiskey and honey before bed to cure any ailments. At one point during the holiday break I poured a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and six tablespoons of ginger into a bath to “sweat out toxins” at the advice of some beauty blog based out of Minneapolis.

But really you should just get a flu shot. Diane Saw-yer reported for ABC News that some 70 million people think the flu shot will give them the flu. Richard Bess-er, chief medical expert for ABC News, went on to ex-plain that is actually not true and that the flu shot has a 62 percent chance of protecting you from the virus.

However, if you are any-thing like me, racked with fear of the flu and of any-one with any medical cre-dentials, you will not want to wait in line with 20 sick old people while the phar-macy runs out of flu shots. You should probably just follow my advice.

CITY

Local Austin musicians offered access to mental health care

By Hannah Smothers

Austin is a city that cares about the preservation of its natural resources. Parks and nature areas dot the spaces between buildings and busi-nesses and recycling bins line the sidewalks. However, the resource Austin cares for the most is its wealth of musicians.

There are several organiza-tions within the city that are geared toward bettering the lives of Austin's struggling mu-sicians. One such organization is the SIMS Foundation.

The SIMS Foundation is a nonprofit organization that aims to provide musicians and their direct relatives with access to mental health care and substance abuse care.

Local musicians Don Har-vey and Wayne Nagel found-ed the foundation in 1995. SIMS is named for the late Sims Ellison of the hard-rock band Pariah.

According to Harvey, El-lison battled with depression for a number of years before tragically dying by suicide in 1995. This was enough to set the wheels in motion for an organization that could help musicians with any mental health issues they might experience.

According to Jennifer Vo-celka, a clinical adviser for SIMS, there are very minimal stipulations that potential clients must meet to qualify for SIMS-funded care. Potential clients are screened for eli-gibility and must be a musician, partner of a musician or de-pendent of a musician who lives in Travis or one of the contiguous counties. Musi-cians must also currently be playing gigs or have some sort of presence in the city. This cuts out the thriving population of street musi-cians who can be heard on numerous street corners and sidewalks when wandering through the city.

Despite this discrepancy, there are plenty of musicians



Photo courtesy of SIMS Foundation

Sims Ellison, the namesake for the SIMS Foundation, was the bass player for hard-core band Pariah before tragically dying by suicide in 1995.

who reap the benefits that SIMS has to offer. Vocolka said that SIMS serves roughly 700 local musicians per year.

According to Layne Lau-ritzen, SIMS Foundation treasurer, the funds raised by SIMS are sufficient for such a daunting task.

“We raise between \$700,000 and \$900,000 a year,” Lauritzen said. “I think we serve everybody that comes in the front door.”

Lauritzen said he would like to see more funding in order to better care for mu-sicians suffering from sub-stance abuse and addiction problems. Lauritzen said this sort of treatment tends to be more expensive, and board members are forced to be more selective when choosing eligible clients for such extensive care.

While some clients con-tact SIMS directly through the provided Client Line

telephone number, others are referred to the foundation by the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, or HAAM.

HAAM picks up the bill for local musicians with physical health needs, but it refers those with psychi-atric or substance abuse needs to SIMS. However, HAAM treats only musi-cians while SIMS also treats musicians' direct relatives.

Among SIMS' clientele is Austin musician Nakia, who tells his story of bat-tling bipolar disorder in a video displayed on the SIMS Foundation website.

“I always had really good experiences with the service providers and the SIMS staff have always been very help-ful,” Nakia said. “I have per-sonally seen SIMS make it possible for Austin musicians to stay focused and happy. That's such a key component of being a successful artist.”

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